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2024 Spring State Meeting of the Indiana Elks Association, Inc.

Rob "FATZ" Whitaker, State President, Presiding

CONVENTION AGENDA

Thursday, June 5, 2025

9 AM: – Tour of IU Cancer Center

1 – 4 PM: - Registration (Veterans Foyer)

1 - 2:30 PM: – IEA Executive Board Meeting (Salon C)

2:30 – 4 PM: IEA PSP Advisory / Elks Charities Meeting (Salon C)

5:30 - 6 PM: Pre-Dinner Social Time (Trevi Ballroom)

6 - 7 PM: State Officer & PSP Dinner (Trevi Ballroom)

7 – 9 PM: Games & Fun Time (Trevi Ballroom)

9 -? PM: Hospitality Time (Trevi Ballroom)

Friday, June 6, 2025, Business Meeting (Veterans 1 & 2)

Breakfast at available outlets

7 – 8:30 AM: Registration (Veterans Foyer)

8:30 AM: Meeting Called to Order, President Rob "FATZ" Whitaker

- Invocation – Melissa Wallace, State Chaplain and Pledge of Allegiance - Lance Gustin, 5th VP
- Introduction of Grand Lodge Dignitaries – SDGER & PSP Ed Boyle

Grand Lodge Fraternal Comm: Brian Rawding

Region 4 Hoop Shoot Director: Jeff Franklin, PDDGER

Area 4 Judiciary: Warren Grody, Ohio

State Sponsor Hon. James Nichelson, PGER: Remarks:

Hon. Doug Schiefer, Grand Exalted Ruler

- Introduction of State Dignitaries – President Rob “FATZ” Whitaker
Ohio State President Keith Denny: Remarks:
Michigan State President: Mike Bartolotta: Remark:
- Roll Call of State Officers and Lodges, Chuck Gray, State Secretary
- State Secretary Report, Chuck Gray, State Secretary
- State Treasurer Report, Roger Kraese, State Treasurer
- Nomination & Election of State Officers, President Rob “FATZ” Whitaker
- Introduction of Past State Presidents — PSP Ed Boyle - Advisory Board Chairman
- Presentation of 2025-26 State Budget, Jeff Willoughby, 1st Vice President
- State Committee Reports

5th Vice President Lance Gustin (NW)

Americanism – 5th VP Lance Gustin
State Directory – Melissa Starry
Government Relations – Melissa Starry
CLMS – Scott Gates
Golf – Brian Pillar, PSP

4th Vice President Brandon McKinney (WC)

Credentials – Mark Hancock
Business Practices – Brian Stokes
Inter-Lodge Activities – Ed Hodge
Lodge Activities – LuAnn Evans
Youth Activities – 3rd VP Angie O’Donnell

3rd Vice President Brian Rawding (NE)

Drug Awareness – Troy Jerrell
Hoop Shoot – Jeff Franklin
Orientation – Melissa Wallace
Membership – Brandon Caudill
Soccer Shoot - Colby Brannon
Bowling – Jeff Mullendore, PSP

2nd Vice President Angie O’Donnell (EC)

Insurance – Greg Sult, Jr.
Elks National Service/Veterans Hospital – Keith Krider
Laws/Parliamentarian – 3rd VP Brian Rawding
Elks Officer Training – 3rd VP Brian Rawding
Ritual – 3rd VP Brian Rawding & Dorsey Brown
Trading Pins – President Rob “FATZ” Whitaker

1st Vice President Jeff Willoughby (SE)

Elks National Foundation - President Rob Whitaker & Phyllis Gates

Under the Spreading Antlers - Kevin Spencer

State Website - Kat McArdle

Marketing/PR - Joe Slacian

State President Rob "FATZ" Whitaker (SW)

Cancer Research - Ed Hagemeyer, PSP & Don Raderstorf, PSP

Calendars - Don Raderstorf, PSP

State Convention Committee - Keith O'Donnell

National Convention Committee – 5th VP Lance Gustin

Scholarships - Ted Sills & Nancy Wells

Sweepstakes – Dave & Tanya Veronesi

- Endowment – Trampas Whalin
- IEA Bylaws Update – 3rd VP Brain Rawding
- Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee – 3rd VP Brian Rawding
- Elks National Foundation Awards – Presentations – Phyllis Gates, President Rob "FATZ" Whitaker
- Lodge Membership Awards – Presentations – Brandon Caudill
- Elks National Service Awards – Presentations – Keith Krider
- Old/New Business
- President Remarks – Rob "FATZ" Whitaker
- State Sponsor PGER Jim Nichelson – Remarks
- GER Doug Schiefer – Remarks
- Benediction – Melissa Wallace, State Chaplain

11:30 am: Flag Day Ceremony – Lance Gustin (Veterans 1 & 2)

12 – 1 PM: Membership Luncheon (Veterans 3)

1 – 2 PM: Break Out Session: Judiciary – Warren Grody (Salon A & B)

2 – 3 PM: Break Out Session: Indiana Charity Gaming – Mark Mason (Salon A & B)

3 PM: DDGER & DDGER Designates Meeting - Jim Nichelson – (Private Dining Room)

3 PM: Flag & 11 O'clock Toast Ritual Competition – Dorsey Brown & Brian Rawding (Veterans 5)

3 – 4 PM: Break Out Session: Elks National Foundation – Jason Mazzon, Gordon Prine, Phyllis Gates, Rob "FATZ" Whitaker (Salon C)

5 – 6 PM: Reception, Meet & Greet with Miss Indiana & Miss Teen Indiana (Veterans 3 & 4)

6 – 7:30 PM: Grand Banquet – with Guest Speakers Doug & Julia Schiefer (Veterans 3 & 4)

8 - ? PM: Hospitality Room (Trevi Ballroom)

Saturday, June 7, 2025, Business Meeting (Veterans 1 & 2)

8:30 AM: Convention Reconvenes

- Invocation – Melissa Wallace, State Chaplain
- Pledge of Alligence – Lance Gustin, 5th VP
- Resolutions Presentation – Trampus Whalin
- Americanism Awards – Presentations – Lance Gustin, 5th VP
- Cancer Research Awards – Presentations – Ed Hagemeyer, PSP & Don Raderstorf, PSP Guest Speakers
- Scholarship Winners Presentation – Ted Sills & Nancy Wells
- DAP Awards Presentation – Troy Jerrell & Joe Lyons
- Remarks from State Sponsor, Jim Nichelson, PGER
- Remarks from Doug Schiefer, GER
- Benediction – Melissa Wallace, State Chaplain

10:30 AM: - State Committee Chairman Meeting – Jeff Willoughby, 1st VP (Salon C)

11:30 AM: Memorial Service – Keith O'Donnell – (Veterans 1 & 2)

12 – 4 PM: Hospitality Room (Trevi Ballroom)

12:30 – 2 PM: Ladies Luncheon (Veterans 4)

1 – 2 PM: Panel Discussion – State VPs & President (Salon C)

2 PM: Meeting with Lodges – Jim Nichelson, PGER, State Sponsor

3 PM: National Convention Planning Meeting – Lance Gustin 5th VP

5 PM: Reception for State Officer Reception Installation (Veterans 1 & 2)

6 PM: Installation of 2025 – 26 Indiana Elks State Officers (Veterans 3 & 4)

7 PM: Presentation of Ritual Contest Awards – Dorsey Brown & Brian Rawding, 3rd VP

7:30 - ? AM or PM: Hospitality Room